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Main floor—G st.

Silk Department.

SUPERB Silks, suitable for street wear, weddings, receptions, and other occasions where such silk elegance is required by social usage. The showing comprises the best American productions and direct importations in exclusive designs, and includes precise styles as accepted by the leading fashion dictators of Paris for the present season, including in part: Electra Messaline, Crepe de Chine, Crepe Meteor, Chiffon Faille, Messaline, Travata, Taffetas, Peau de Cygne, Satin Duchesse, Brocades, Warp-printed Chiffon Taffetas, Satin Liberty, Warp-printed Satin, Korean Silk, Chiffon Taffetas, Rajah, Chiffon Velvet, &c.

Second floor—G st.

Dress Goods Department.

VERY choice gathering of the correct sorts of Dainty Wools, Silk and Wools, also Silk and Cottons, which are peculiarly beautiful and effective for evening wear.

Among the most popular weaves are All-silk Voile Ninon, All-silk Chiffon Voile, All-silk Marquise, Silk and Wool Lansdowne, Silk and Wool Eolienne, All-wool Henrietta, All-wool Crepe Egypte, All-wool Albatross, All-wool Batiste, &c.

Also exquisite Chiffon Broadcloths in white, cream, tan, light blue, gray, and green, and heliotrope, which are especially adaptable for opera and visiting wraps and gowns.

Also displaying a charming variety of Cotton Dress Fabrics for evening wear, including Plain Silk and Cotton Madras, Plain Silk and Cotton Mousseline, Silk and Cotton Mikado Silk, Silk and Cotton Ban-zaï Silk, and Printed Silk Organdies.

Second floor—G st.

Millinery Department.

BEAUTIFUL assortment of Hair Ornaments for evening wear, imported and of our own make, in a very large variety. Newest effects in aigrettes, gilt and silver butterflies, black butterflies, with gilt and silver spangles, bow knots, flowers of various colors and kinds, gold and silver roses and foliage for the corsage.

Hair Ornaments and Corsage Garnitures made to order to match the costume.

Second floor—Tenth st.

Neckwear Department.

PARIS elegancies and beautiful American productions for the neck in a profusion of exquisite conceits.

Ostrich Feather Boas, in all the fashionable colors: Coque and Marabou Feather Boas, in all the acceptable street and evening shades; Dainty Stocks of Chiffon and Lace; Spanish Lace Fichus and Scarfs; Rufflings for the neck and as trimmings for sleeves, waists, &c.

Main floor—G st.

Evening Slippers.

MOST necessary adjunct to the evening toilette. Attention is called to our comprehensive showing of Elegant Evening Slippers—for all occasions—in white, black (suede), and the most popular shades of the season—red, pink, blue, lavender, yellow, gold, and green, in kidskin and patent coltskin.

Also House Slippers and Carriage Boots, in choice variety.

Special attention is called to a collection of the richest effects in Women's Slippers for evening wear we have ever seen. The satin from which they are made was embroidered in Paris and brought to America and made up into Slippers. There are no two pairs alike. The designs are very artistic, and are exclusive, and there are no duplicates in this city. Shown in white, pink, light blue, red, and bronze. Displayed in glass case in shoe department.

We also take orders for slippers to match costumes, in any desired shade.

Third floor—Tenth st.

Attention is also invited to a choice and complete assortment of Women's and Men's

Dress Requirements for New Year's.

Cards Engraved for New Year's.

That no delay may be occasioned in their delivery, all having such work in contemplation are advised to leave their orders at once.

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IN THE SOCIAL WORLD

British Ambassador and Lady Durand Entertain Staff.

DINNER GIVEN AT EMBASSY

Minister from Cuba and Mme. Quesada Have Children's Party for Their Young Son and Daughter. Other Christmas Affairs Among the Diplomats—Run by Hunt Club.

The British Ambassador and Lady Durand entertained the members of the embassy staff at dinner last evening, when the large dining-room of King Edward's embassy was aglow with Christmas cheer and the richly appointed table with its store of George the Third plate, lighted by red-capped candles.

The personnel of the embassy as it now stands included the newly arrived first secretary, Mr. Esme Howard, who, on the departure of Sir Mortimer, next Saturday, will become chargé d'affaires; Capt. F. E. C. Ryan, naval attaché, and Mrs. Ryan, Lieut. Col. Count Gleichen, military attaché, who is also leaving Washington this week; Mr. and Mrs. Grant Watson, the Hon. Roland C. Lindsay, Mr. C. M. S. Higgins, and Mr. Seeds, Sir Percy Sanderson, the British consul general at New York, is, as usual, the guest of the Ambassador for Christmas Day.

The German Ambassador and Baroness von Sternburg also entertained at dinner for the members of the Ambassador's staff.

The Minister from Cuba and Mme. Quesada, according to their usual custom, entertained at a children's party yesterday afternoon for their small daughter, Aurora Quesada, and her still smaller brother, Master Gonzalo.

The Minister and Mme. Quesada are living at the Raleigh, where one of the large parlors was given to the use of the afternoon's guests. There was no tree, as heretofore, but music for dancing, and a pretty souvenir for each child, in addition to an ideal Christmas meal, with individual ices in the form of miniature Santa Clauses, and the national colors of Cuba and the United States worked into the candies.

The company included Miss Mila Hengemüller, daughter of the Austrian Ambassador; the son and two daughters of the Ambassador from Brazil; the daughters of the Minister from Ecuador; Master Domingo de Obaldia, Jr., son of the Minister from Panama; Master Charlemont, son of the secretary of the Brazilian Embassy; the twin daughters of Col. and Mrs. Russell, with their elder sister, Miss Bessie Sealson; the Misses Dorla and Beatrice Glover, Laura Merriam, Eleanor Heyburn, Marguerite Perin, Mary McCaskey, Edith Graessle, Sophie Johnston, Gladys Hinkley, Mary Irwin, Sidney Gore, Adelaide Hebb, Mary Davidson, Mary Denham, Mary Webb, Margaret Smith, Elsie Jewett, Pauline Luckett, Marguerite Barbour, and Charlotte Pettus; Masters Hamilton Warner, Francis Hutchins, and Joe Humphrey.

The Minister from Norway and Mme. Hauge celebrated Christmas in a temporary home they have leased on Rhode Island and Connecticut avenues, where they have established themselves to await the completion of the Norwegian Legation, now building on Massachusetts avenue and Sheridan circle.

This last addition to official residences is the well-known home of Mr. and Mrs. David R. McKee, who will pass the winter in the South.

The annual subscription dance held by a group of young maids and matrons took place last evening in the white ballroom at Rauscher's, under the name of the Leap Year Cotton, the leap year feature being that all invitations to dance came from the fair subscribers, and the only wall flowers possible were the men.

Mrs. Charles Bell received for the committee of younger women, which was headed by Mrs. Fleming Newbold, a bride of the past month, and Miss Carolyn Huff. Mr. William Morrow and Mrs. Ormsby McCammon led the German, in which seventy couples took part. The favors provided for each of the five figures were mainly of gay colored paper cones, with a floral figure as the chief attraction.

Supper was served in the green room, on the second floor.

The Chevy Chase Hunt Club hounds met at the clubhouse yesterday morning, according to schedule, at 11 o'clock, but owing to the very cold weather, only a short run was made. Mr. Clarence Moore, master of the hounds; Mr. Robert Curran, huntsman, and the two whips, all mounted on bay horses, with their pack of English hounds recently imported by Mr. Moore, made a fine appearance. The appointments were perfect in every detail. Among those present in the hunt were Mrs. Moore, Lieut. Poole, and Mr. Alex. Legare.

Mr. and Mrs. William S. Knox will present their daughter Georgia at a tea, from 5 to 7 this afternoon, 1804 New Hampshire avenue.

Mr. and Mrs. E. Corning Abell, of Morristown, N. J., have announced the engagement of their daughter, Miss Josephine Brooks Abell, and Mr. George Russell Wales, of Vermont and Washington. Mr. Wales has been attached to the Civil Service Commission for some years, and has a wide circle of friends in this city.

Mrs. Fannie Kaufman celebrated her eighty-sixth birthday yesterday at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Marx Kaufman, 719 D street southeast. She received numerous congratulations from a wide circle of relatives and friends, many coming by mail and telegraph. Of the venerable matron's children, there were present Mr. A. Kaufman, of New York;

Mr. D. J. Kaufman, Mr. L. J. Kaufman, Mrs. Marx Kaufman, Mrs. T. Hollander, and Mrs. E. Hollander.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank O. Maxson will meet their friends at 647 East Capitol street, the home of Mrs. Maxson's sisters, this evening from 8 to 10, the occasion being the twenty-ninth anniversary of their marriage.

MRS. LEITER MAKES DENIAL.

No Truth in Rumored Estrangement Between Her and Lord Curzon.

The reported estrangement between Lord Curzon of Kedleston, former viceroy of India, and the Leiter family was denied yesterday by Mrs. Levi Z. Leiter.

The story sent out from Chicago was to the effect that the differences between the nobleman and the Leiters were the outgrowth of financial matters connected with the settlement of the estate of the late Lady Curzon.

It was further stated that Mrs. Leiter and her daughters, the Countess of Suffolk and Mrs. Collin Campbell, had sailed for Europe at about the same time that Lord Curzon left for home, and that separate steamers were taken.

"The statement that there has been any misunderstanding between Lord Curzon and myself or any member of my family is absolutely without foundation," Mrs. Leiter said to a Washington Herald reporter.

"I did not start for Europe at the time," she was reported. "The rumor of an estrangement is untrue."

MISS JULIA HAMILTON WEDS

Daughter of Late Governor Becomes a Bride in Hagerstown, Md.

Announcement of Marriage Comes as Surprise to Friends of Contracting Parties.

Special to The Washington Herald.

Hagerstown, Md., Dec. 25.—Miss Julia H. Hamilton, eldest daughter of the late Gov. William T. Hamilton, was married at 10 o'clock this morning, at the home of her mother, to James Thompson Briscoe, Jr. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Dr. Henry Evan Cotton, rector of St. John's Protestant Episcopal Church.

The bride wore a gown of white lace with diamond ornaments, and carried a bouquet of roses. She was given away by her mother. There were no attendants, and only the immediate relatives were present. The home was decorated with Christmas greens and American Beauty roses. Following the ceremony a Christmas dinner was served.

Upon their return from their honeymoon trip they will reside at the Hotel Hamilton.

News of the wedding came as a complete surprise. No previous announcement was made and every precaution was taken to keep the matter an absolute secret until after the ceremony had taken place. The bride and bridegroom have both been prominent in the social and business life of Hagerstown for a number of years. Almost since the death of her father, in 1888, the bride has been the active manager of the large estate left to her children by the late governor. Not only has she looked after the extensive business interests in Hagerstown, but she has personally seen to the management of the several large farms belonging to the estate.

Mr. Briscoe has resided in Hagerstown since 1890. He is associated with Richard J. Hamilton, a brother of the bride, in the management of the Mall.

COURT TAKES NO HOLIDAY.

Shea Conspiracy Case Is Continued by Chicago Judiciary.

Chicago, Dec. 25.—For the first time in many years the Criminal Court branch of the Chicago judiciary was in session on Christmas Day, when the trial of Connelius P. Shea and his associates, charged with conspiracy, was resumed before Judge Ball. Shea and his associates were handed Christmas presents in two important decisions affecting the line of testimony to be permitted on defense.

The substance of the points decided by Judge Ball follows: That the defense may introduce testimony antedating the offering of the strike to show that a controversy existed between Montgomery Ward & Co. and the Garment Workers' Union; that the defense may offer testimony to show that repeated efforts to secure arbitration were made by the Chicago Federation of Labor, to dispute the evidence that Shea and four associates called the strike after accepting a \$1,000 bribe for so doing.

NASSAU POOR REMEMBERED.

Mrs. Vanderbilt and Mrs. Mackay Bestow Gifts and Dinners.

Minola, N. Y., Dec. 25.—Between Mrs. William K. Vanderbilt, Jr., and Mrs. Clarence H. Mackay, the patients in Nassau Hospital were well supplied with turkeys, cranberries, plum pudding, and mince pies for the Christmas dinner.

It was a big surprise, as no word had been sent this morning. Wagons loaded down drove to the door of the institution. Good things for dinner and toys of every description were sent by the wealthy of Westchester Mills to the little ones in the Children's Home.

Mrs. Mackay, who has always taken a great interest in the welfare of the prisoners of Nassau County Jail, assisted Sheriff Frederick Gildersleeve in giving the inmates a surprise.

\$30,000,000 FOR GIFTS.

Chicago Spends Unprecedented Sum in Christmas Shopping.

Chicago, Dec. 25.—Chicago spent \$30,000,000 for Christmas presents, according to the average estimate of 100 leading local business men, gathered by an afternoon newspaper. The figures are far in excess of those for any previous year in the city's history, and most of the estimators think they are close to the world's record. None of the estimates falls below \$25,000,000, and several are far above the average figure.

Wanted a Chance to Run.

From the Denver Post.

The prospect of this country going to war with Japan was being discussed in a Denver barber shop yesterday afternoon. "I believe," said one barber, "that I'd rather be in the navy if I was going to take part in a war."

"I would, too," said another barber. The negro bootblack had been listening. "Ah wouldn't," he said. "Ah'd rather be in de army."

"Why?" asked a man in one of the chairs.

"Fo' de reason dat Ah might hab occasion ter run," replied the negro, "an' dey ain't no show to do no runnin' on no ship."

Domestic Pleasantries.

From the Milwaukee Sentinel.

"Arabella, where in the world did you get this steak?" asked Mr. Tomkins at the supper table. "It's the toughest meat I ever tackled."

"Why, I got it at a furniture store. Where do you suppose I got it?" retorted Mrs. Tomkins, her eyes snapping.

"I didn't know, but I was of the opinion that you got it at a rubber house."

ALLOBSERVEHOLIDAY

Yuletide Brings General Suspension of Business.

QUIET DAY AT WHITE HOUSE

President and His Family Go to the Home of Admiral Cowles for the Christmas Tree—Mr. and Mrs. Roosevelt Will Leave for Pine Knot To-morrow Morning.

There was a general suspension of public business in Washington yesterday, in observance of the Christmas holiday, but the President's secretary and several clerks worked at the White House for an hour or two in the morning. The executive department was closed, and President Roosevelt went to his office for only a few minutes.

It was strictly a family day at the White House. The President and all the members of his household, including Representative and Mrs. Longworth, assembled in the library after breakfast and the Christmas gifts were exchanged. There was no Christmas tree, but according to the custom of the Roosevelts, they went to the home of Rear Admiral and Mrs. William Sheffield Cowles in the afternoon, where the children enjoyed a Christmas tree. Mrs. Cowles is the President's sister. Mrs. Roosevelt and her children returned to the White House about 4 o'clock, but the President went out for a long walk. The weather was the coldest of the winter in Washington, and there was a brisk wind from the northwest that suggested icebergs and blizzards. The President did not return until after 6 o'clock.

Dinner at the White House.

The President and his family dined at the usual hour of 7:45 o'clock, in the state dining-room.

Mr. and Mrs. Roosevelt will leave early to-morrow morning for their country place at Pine Knot, Va., where they will spend several days, returning here in time for the New Year's Day reception at the White House.

Like the President, the members of the Cabinet circle spent their Christmas Day within the family circle. The Secretary of the Treasury and Mrs. Shaw and their daughters comprised the family dinner party at their apartments in the Arlington. The two sons of the Secretary of the Navy and Mrs. Metcalf are in California, and they had a single house guest, Miss Howles, of San Francisco, and a few personal friends to dine with them informally.

The Vice President and Mrs. Fairbanks, the Secretary of State and Mrs. Root, the Secretary of War and Mrs. Taft, the Postmaster General and Mrs. Copley, the Secretary of the Interior and Mrs. Hitchcock, all had their families with them. The new Attorney General and Mrs. Bonaparte spent their day in their Baltimore home.

Secretary of Agriculture Alone.

Secretary of Agriculture Wilson's daughter is still abroad, and there are no other members of his family here. The Secretary of Commerce and Labor and Mrs. Strauss are recently settled in their new home, and they are not ready for entertaining. Their son Roger is here for the holidays.

The British, Austrian, German, Brazilian, French, Mexican, Italian, and Russian embassies, and the legations representing Catholic countries all had Christmas trees.

All Churches Celebrate.

Washington in general spent Christmas in the time-honored style. All the churches, no matter what their denomination, had made special arrangements for the celebration of the day. In the Catholic churches, especially, most elaborate programmes were presented. That the true meaning of the day was not lost in the general rejoicing was shown in the way in which the various benevolent societies, whose work was carried on with the funds of generous Washingtonians, succeeded in lifting, if only for a short time, the burden of the poor. While Mr. Householder, clad in his newly acquired smoking jacket, was smoking his newly acquired pipe and wondering how long it would be before he could get down to his Christmas dinner, members of these charitable organizations went to the homes of the needy, ministering to their wants.

The Ladies of Charity, an organization created by St. Patrick's Church, parish, distributed to 12 families boxes containing turkey, chicken, and all that goes with a real Christmas dinner.

All of the Knight Templar commanderies of the District of Columbia celebrated at their headquarters at high noon, toasts being drunk and responded to by the members of the commanderies. Greetings of the season were afterward exchanged between the Sir Knights. This is the first ceremony of its kind that has ever taken place in the District of Columbia. All the commanderies were well attended.

Quiet at Hotels.

Christmas at the hotels passed quietly, some said more quietly than on any holiday in several years. Each of the caravansaries spread a special menu for its guests, and there was the usual exchange of gifts among the clerks and various employees. Regular boarders also entered into the spirit of the holidays, and remembered chambermaids, bellboys, elevator boys, and porters with generous and suitable gifts.

At the Willard and the Shoreham the day passed without incident or attempt to specially celebrate.

At the Arlington, the night clerk stated that the house had a greater number of guests than on many former Christmases, but the day reminded him more of Sunday than a world's holiday.

Similar reports were given at the Elbert and the Riggs—that the day passed in an unusually quiet manner.

Failed to See the Joke.

From the Baltimore Transcript.

"I say, D'Orsay, have you ever heard that joke about the guide in Rome who showed some travelers two kinds of skulls of St. Paul, one as a boy and the other as a man?"

"Aw, deah boy—no—aw, let me heah it."

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PARKER TOTS NOT NEGLECTED.

Deserted by Father, Grandmother and Friends Make Them Happy.

Three of the little Parker girls, whose mother died three weeks ago, and who were afterward deserted by their father, John E. Parker, spent yesterday at the home of their grandmother, Mrs. S. A. Popkins, 416 Seventh street southwest. The fourth girl, Esther, four years old, is still at Providence Hospital, recovering from an attack of diphtheria. She was visited by her grandmother in the afternoon.

Mrs. Popkins is the mother of Mrs. Parker. A Christmas tree and all the luxuries of a holiday celebration were provided for the children. Relatives and friends saw that the little ones were made happy with dolls and toys and other things. Three little pairs of stockings hung from the old-fashioned fireplace at the Popkins home Christmas Eve. Bright and early little Dorothy, Ruth, and Naomi Parker arose to see what Santa Claus had brought for them. They were not disappointed. Old Kris had been there and left candy and nuts and dolls and various other articles.

Not old enough, perhaps, to realize their condition, the three tots spent their first Christmas away from home, and without the tender care of their mother. Heretofore their father had been with them on Christmas. After the death of his wife he left the city, trusting that relatives would care for the little ones. Nothing has been heard from him since.

The employees of C. A. Snow's office, where Parker worked, and others, collected \$37. This has been turned over to the children. Mrs. Popkins is arranging to take permanent charge of her four little granddaughters.

CHINAMAN GIVES SERENADE.

Sings Christmas Solos in Native Tongue Over the Telephone.

A good-natured Chinaman, evidently overstocked with Christmas cheer, and wishing to demonstrate the fact that his language could be understood over the telephone, was calling up various people last evening and favoring them with a serenade in his native tongue.

Every word uttered by the Chinaman could be heard, but not understood. He was as happy as a lark and enjoyed his performance considerably more than the listeners. The Chinaman knew what he was singing about, but the hearers didn't. The favored few could be given one concert, then the telephone would be disconnected, and finally the entertainer would call again. He could speak broken English, but would not reveal his identity.

FOUR BROTHER CELEBRANTS.

Washington Catholic Assists in Unique Mass at Baltimore.

Baltimore, Md., Dec. 25.—The congregation of St. Ann's Catholic Church enjoyed the unusual novelty of having four brothers celebrate early high mass for them to-day. The four men who conducted the service are the sons of William R. Smythe, of this city. The eldest was ordained eight years ago and the youngest is now a seminarian. The celebrant was Rev. Carroll C. Smythe, who was ordained on Saturday last.

His assistant was his older brother, Rev. Thomas G. Smythe, assistant pastor of St. Stephen's Church, of Washington, who also preached the sermon. Rev. James A. Smythe, of St. Patrick's Church, of Washington, was the deacon, and John A. Smythe, now a student at St. Mary's Seminary, was subdeacon. There was a large congregation for the unusual occasion, and to-night a joyous reception at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Smythe, who are proud of the four sons they have given to the church.

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